

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

PROVIDING FOR A RESOLUTION WITH RESPECT TO THE UNRESOLVED DISPUTES BETWEEN CERTAIN RAILROADS REPRESENTED BY THE NATIONAL CARRIERS' CONFERENCE COMMITTEE OF THE NATIONAL RAILWAY LABOR CONFERENCE AND CERTAIN OF THEIR EMPLOYEES

SPEECH OF

HON. PETER A. DeFAZIO

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 30, 2022

Mr. DeFAZIO. Mr. Speaker, we're here today to end three years of contract negotiations between the freight railroads and their workforce.

For three years, more than 115,000 essential railroad employees have worked without a new contract or a pay raise, all the while enduring a global pandemic and new work rules that further erode their quality of life.

We shouldn't be here today. But the freight railroads brought us here, and now we have to act.

This all could have been avoided had the railroads been willing to provide their employees with a basic protection and what so many Americans already have: paid sick time.

While 75 percent of private industry workers have paid sick time, more than 100,000 railroad employees who work 24/7 operations in all types of weather don't have a single day of paid sick time. And, let's be clear, it's not because the Class I railroads can't afford it.

In the last three years, five of the Class I railroad CEOs were paid more than \$200 million. One of the CEOs made 144 times what the average railroad worker makes. Since 2010, the seven Class I railroads spent \$230 billion to line the pockets of their owners and shareholders through stock buybacks and dividends. That includes the \$26 billion they sent to shareholders in 2021, on top of \$29 billion they reported in profits.

The railroad CEOs—who I'm sure have paid sick leave—are watching their record profits soar, while worrying that their stock prices may drop slightly if they give their workers paid sick leave. Why? Thanks to the vultures on Wall Street, the seven Class I railroads have all implemented so-called precision scheduled railroading—or PSR—an operating strategy that focuses on cutting costs in order to increase profits, which are returned to shareholders.

In implementing PSR, the seven Class I railroads have cut their workforces so deeply—by nearly one-third—that it has significantly impacted service. While the railroads were dithering on their contract negotiations, railroad shippers, including the agricultural, energy, and construction industries—have all attested to how these workforce impacts have contributed to delayed shipments, disruptions to business, and extra shipping costs that get passed on to consumers.

And what has been the railroads' solution to these self-imposed wounds? To force their remaining employees to work harder and longer, and unilaterally impose harsh attendance policies that penalize workers if they have the audacity to call in sick. This is an industry where an inch in the wrong direction can cost you your life or limb—yet the railroads are incentivizing people to come to work sick. It's as dangerous as it is unconscionable.

The railroads argued to the Presidential Emergency Board (PEB) that their record profits were not due to "any contributions by labor." Despite a 75 percent decrease in worker-hours and a 602 percent increase in worker-hour productivity, the railroads argued that productivity was not the result of labor and they claimed that their employees are not overworked or fatigued. However, hour-of-service violations have increased by 60 percent over the last decade. It's 2022, but the robber barons are back.

We're here today because we recognize what makes this country run. It's frontline workers. Without them, just under one third of our country's freight would sit idle. We know the current conditions cannot continue—because without improvements to their ability to reliably spend time with family, be sick without punishment, schedule a doctor appointment, or plan a vacation, railroad workers will continue to leave this industry. And when the best of our essential workers leave, we all suffer. I believe it's well past time that these workers have paid sick leave and it's something the railroads can easily afford.

In 2021 the seven Class I railroads could have paid for their workers to have seven days of paid sick leave by spending just 6/10 of a penny for every dollar they reported in profit and shareholder returns. These highly compensated railroad CEOs should not be opposed to paid sick days for their front-line employees—employees who are responsible for their very success.

The reality is that the robber barons are nothing without the labor of their employees, who deserve better. But recognizing that the parties are no closer to a solution today than they were three years ago, and that railroad workers make this country run, the House will consider this joint resolution to bring an end to this fight in its current form, lock in the tentative agreements that provide historic pay increases, guarantee reimbursement for work expenses, and prevent a massive disruption to our economy that would hurt millions of working people and their families.

I will proudly vote to lock in the tentative agreements and provide railroaders seven paid sick days. The CEOs can take a shift in the rail yard to cover them.

RECOGNIZING DISTRICT 10 COMMISSIONER JAVIER SOUTO FOR AN EXTRAORDINARY CAREER IN PUBLIC SERVICE

HON. CARLOS A. GIMENEZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 1, 2022

Mr. GIMENEZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Miami-Dade County Commissioner Javier D. Souto for his exemplary public service to the Miami community. Since his election to the County Board of Commissioners in April 1993, Senator Souto has served District 10—which includes portions of Kendall, Westchester, and Fontainebleau—with distinction for over 29 years. Before that, he was elected twice to the Florida Senate.

Senator Souto's work on behalf of his constituents has been wide-ranging and comprehensive. His passion for our parks and places that bring people together is truly inspiring. He has built a legacy of helping others in need and fighting against the brutal dictatorship of the Castro regime in Cuba. Commissioner Souto is a veteran of the Bay of Pigs Invasion and his contributions to the Cuban exile community are immeasurable.

I had the pleasure of serving as County Commissioner and then Mayor of Miami-Dade County, where I worked with Senator Souto extensively and witnessed firsthand his hard work and determination. His love for Miami is evident through his life of dedication to its people. It is my deep pleasure to honor Senator Souto as he retires from the Board of Commissioners, and I wish him all the very best.

HONORING MICHAEL POWERS, PRESIDENT OF THE ARC OF THE OZARKS

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 1, 2022

Mr. LONG. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Michael Powers, President of The Arc of the Ozarks.

Michael Powers, an advocate, and influencer has been a leader in the disability community for the past 36 years. With a master's in clinical psychology, he has spent his life serving his community, especially people with disabilities. He is currently the President/CEO of The Arc of the Ozarks located in Springfield, Missouri. He started his career at The Arc of the Ozarks, in 1992 as the Director of Programs and has spent the past thirty years with The Arc committed to the needs of people with disabilities. He has been instrumental in the creation of innovative programs like Renovations, which is the first program of its kind in Missouri for individuals with dual diagnosis. His influence has elevated The Arc

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as an industry leader that continues to improve community access and quality of life to people with disabilities at all stages of life.

Through impeccable financial stewardship and leadership, Michael has built a team of leaders in the disability services industry. Michael displays his dedication to the disability community through his longtime state and federal legislative advocacy on issues that impact individuals with disabilities. He serves on numerous nonprofit advisory and leadership boards with the city of Springfield and the statewide group of industry professionals, the Missouri Association of Rehabilitation Facilities (MARF) who has selected him as President Elect.

The Arc of the Ozarks was named the largest local charity nonprofit for 2022 by the Springfield Business Journal and the largest disability service provider in Missouri that provides jobs for 1,460 employees. This organizations' mission is to support individuals with disabilities to direct their own lives as valued members of the community. Michael Powers has embraced and passionately lives out that mission daily.

As a result of Michael's exceptional guidance, he has been instrumental in countless accomplishments that have benefitted thousands of individuals with disabilities over the years with access to a variety of services and supports that empower people with disabilities to live their best lives.

Madam Speaker, his commitment and dedication are exemplified in the lives that have been touched with disabilities and their families. I am proud to honor his lifetime of accomplishments today.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DARIN LAHOOD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 1, 2022

Mr. LAHOOD. Madam Speaker, due to a clerical error made by the clerk during an ongoing vote series, my vote by proxy was not counted.

Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 489.

RECOGNIZING THE CAREER OF GREGORY C. BROWN

HON. JENNIFER WEXTON

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 1, 2022

Ms. WEXTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the admirable work done by Leesburg Chief of Police, Gregory C. Brown.

On December 1, 2022, Chief Brown is set to officially retire and conclude a 26-year career of law enforcement service to the Leesburg and Loudoun communities.

Throughout his tenure, he has successfully implemented innovative leadership and management techniques. Additionally, he has expanded the department to include 90 sworn officers and 18 civilians. As described by his fellow colleagues, Chief Brown has "consistently utilized Community Policing philosophies and strongly believes that the needs of the

community should be at the heart of everything we do".

Chief Brown is known for his commitment to building trusting and meaningful partnerships within the community. To do so, he has overseen numerous projects for technological advancements within the department, all with the intent of aiding the general public.

It is evident that Chief Brown embraces the concept of "Servant Leadership". He began his long-tenured law enforcement career with the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority Police Department in 1996. Later, he joined the Loudoun County Sheriff's Office. Here, he served for nearly 20 years, achieving the rank of Captain before being appointed Leesburg Chief of Police. Upon his official retirement, Chief Brown will remain in the area to serve the community in a new role. He will be resuming the title of the Executive Director of the Northern Virginia Criminal Justice Training Academy (NVCJTA), where he will oversee the training of members of the Town of Leesburg Police Department and 16 other regional law enforcement agencies.

I want to formally recognize the contributions that Chief of Police Gregory C. Brown has made to our community and the nation. He is the embodiment of integrity and dedication, consistently striving to improve the well-being of citizens throughout the 10th district of Virginia and our Nation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DANIEL T. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 1, 2022

Mr. KILDEE. Madam Speaker, on November 29, 2022, I missed a roll call vote on S. 4003. Had I been present, I would have proudly voted for this bill to provide law enforcement the resources and flexibility needed to train their officers.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall No. 486.

TRIBUTE TO KTLA ON ITS 75TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 1, 2022

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I rise today to offer my heartfelt congratulations to KTLA television station, "L.A.'s Very Own," as it celebrates 75 years of broadcasting from the heart of my district on Sunset Boulevard in Hollywood, California.

Founded on January 22, 1947 as the very first television station west of the Mississippi licensed for commercial broadcasts, KTLA-TV Channel 5 blossomed and flourished right alongside the city of Los Angeles as the area's population grew during the post-war years. Entering a media landscape then dictated by theater and radio, its televised broadcasts were—and remain—groundbreaking, illustrated by an inaugural telecast that featured legends like Cecil B. DeMille and Bob Hope. KTLA has since been an integral force in shaping L.A.'s diverse media landscape,

Southern Californians' conversations around the issues that matter most, and the trajectory of the television news industry writ large.

KTLA is particularly famous for being on the cutting edge of new technology over its many decades on air. Beyond being a pioneer of live, breaking-news coverage, the station prides itself on many firsts: first broadcast on-the-spot news from the field, first telecast from a ship at sea, first simulcast in Spanish, and first use of a helicopter to broadcast news—the latter of which has become an L.A. news calling card.

KTLA reporters have also been some of the first on the scene for every history-making event in Southern California, with a well-established reputation for unflinching, accurate, and reliable coverage. When a three-year-old fell into an abandoned well in San Marino in 1949, reporter and legend Stan Chambers was there to broadcast the tragedy for 27 consecutive hours—the world's first extended broadcast. KTLA was the first to broadcast the tape showing Rodney King's beating at the hands of police, earning the station a prestigious Peabody Award for its handling of the footage. It was the only television station to provide "gavel-to-gavel" coverage of the infamous O.J. Simpson criminal trial. And in more recent memory, the station has provided Southern Californians with invaluable minute-by-minute coverage of local and national politics, wildfires and the COVID-19 pandemic.

These achievements have earned KTLA numerous awards, including many Golden Mikes, over 150 Emmys, a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame, and an Academy Award—the first and only Oscar ever given to a TV station. And beyond its enriching reporting, KTLA finds ways to give even more to our communities by supporting numerous charitable organizations throughout Southern California.

Today, KTLA produces over 100 hours of local programming each week, and the station regularly draws thousands of viewers who rely on its informative daily broadcasts—along with the millions of viewers who enjoy its special coverage of premier events, like the annual Pasadena Tournament of Roses Parade.

Our city and its residents are so fortunate to benefit from such a prestigious, purposeful, and dynamic local news institution right in our backyard. I cannot wait to watch KTLA continue to grow and flourish for many more decades to come, especially as it prepares to air from its revamped set.

I am proud to recognize "L.A.'s Very Own" for its immeasurable contributions to the television and news industry and to the greater Los Angeles area, and I ask all members to join me in congratulating KTLA on its 75th anniversary.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF CHARLOTTE NEWFELD

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 1, 2022

Mr. QUIGLEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life of LGBTQ activist, community leader and friend, Charlotte Newfeld.

Since the early 1970s, Charlotte was a fierce advocate for the gay and lesbian community in Chicago. I first had the pleasure of

working with Charlotte during the No Lights at Wrigley campaign in the 1980s. In that time, I was witness to the commitment she had to working for the community. We both served on the Lakeview Citizens Council where she taught me the importance of putting the local community above all else.

Her contributions have included advocating for the appointment of a mayoral liaison and her active lobbying to secure passage of Chicago's human rights ordinance, which prohibits discrimination because of sexual orientation. She lived in Lakeview for nearly 60 years, and in that time, worked to improve education, open spaces, neighborhood protections and AIDS awareness in the area.

Charlotte was a true trailblazer and will be dearly missed, but the impact she had on Chicago and on the LGBTQ community, will be felt for generations to come. I am thinking of her family, particularly her daughter Julie, during this time.

RECOGNIZING DISTRICT 6 COMMISSIONER REBECA SOSA FOR AN EXTRAORDINARY CAREER IN PUBLIC SERVICE

HON. CARLOS A. GIMENEZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 1, 2022

Mr. GIMENEZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Commissioner Rebeca Sosa for an extraordinary career in public service. Commissioner Sosa has been serving the residents of Miami-Dade County across many different areas for over 20 years and has done so honorably. I had the privilege of working closely with Commissioner Sosa for many years during my tenure in Miami-Dade County and know how dedicated she is to protecting our community and our environment.

Commissioner Sosa won her first election as the District 6 commissioner. She has been re-elected 4 times to the county commission and has represented residents all over the county. In 2012, while I was mayor of the county, she was elected chairwoman of the county commission. She served a two-year term as chairwoman and during those two years, we worked closely together to get things done for the residents of Miami-Dade County. Over the years, Commissioner Sosa has been a driving force in the expansion and modernization of Miami International Airport and PortMiami.

Commissioner Sosa has made her residents proud by the tenacity with which she has fought for them and ensuring Miami-Dade County continues to be the best place to live, work, and raise a family. It was an honor to serve with her, and I know she will excel in the next chapter of her life. Lourdes and I wish her the best and look forward to seeing what she does next.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BRAD FINSTAD

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 1, 2022

Mr. FINSTAD. Madam Speaker, blizzard conditions caused airport cancellations in my

home state of Minnesota on November 29, 2022.

Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 486 (S. 4003); YEA on Roll Call No. 487 (S. 3846); and NAY on Roll Call No. 488 (H.R. 5455).

HONORING PROFESSIONAL BASS FISHING HALL OF FAME STACEY KING

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 1, 2022

Mr. LONG. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Professional Bass Fishing Hall of Fame and Missouri Sports Hall of Fame inductee Stacey King.

Stacey was born in Springfield, Missouri on February 21, 1949. When he was a young boy, he spent many weekends and summers with a cousin of his fathers and her husband who was an avid hunter and fisherman. Stacey loved hunting and fishing from the beginning. In his late teens he began some part-time guiding for trout on Lake Taneycomo. Table Rock Lake had recently been impounded and at that time was rated the #1 fishing destination in the U.S. Stacey was spending every spare minute learning to bass fish on Table Rock Lake. In 1970 he joined the Ozarks Bass Club, one of the very first organized bass clubs in the U.S. Stacey guided full-time during the 1970's along with fishing local and regional bass tournaments. In the early 1980's he began competing in the Ray Scott's Bassmaster events that had become extremely popular nationwide. For the next twenty years he competed on a national level qualifying for twelve Bassmaster Classics. Then for the next several years he competed on the Fishing League Worldwide tour with much success.

During that timeframe, he had many successful sponsorships. First and foremost, with Bass Pro Shops. His career has enabled him to travel and fish from Europe to China and everywhere in-between. He has filmed many videos, tv shows, and appeared on Fox News representing Bass Pro Shops several times.

In 2015 he was inducted into the Professional Bass Fishing Hall of Fame. And in 2020 he was inducted into the Missouri Sports Hall of Fame.

A major part of his career has been helping people learn to fish and enjoy the outdoors. A lot of his time now is spent donating fishing trips to organizations and taking kids and veterans fishing.

Madam Speaker, not only has Stacey dedicated his life to what he loves, he has also given back so much to the fishing community. His storied career is well deserving of being honored today.

HONORING MAUREEN SCALLEN FAILOR OF THE DAKOTA COUNTY REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

HON. ANGIE CRAIG

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 1, 2022

Ms. CRAIG. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Maureen Scallen Failor on a successful five-year tenure as President of the Dakota County Regional Chamber of Commerce as she wraps up her impressive run on December 16.

Maureen is an incredible advocate for her small business members across Dakota County. Throughout her time as President, she successfully navigated her membership through the pandemic, oversaw membership growth throughout the region and increased DCRC's presence within the community. Maureen's input on pandemic related legislation and advocacy to ensure Chambers received PPP loans was vital to Minnesota's Second District. I'll always appreciate our coffee and conversations and am thankful for her willingness to moderate many of my monthly town halls.

Small business leaders like Maureen and chambers like DCRC are vital to our local Main Street economies. I'm grateful for the numerous opportunities I had to work with Maureen and wish her the best in her future endeavors.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 1, 2022

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of H.J. Res. 110 and H.J. Res. 119 which adopts the Tentative Railway Labor Agreement forged by months of hard-fought negotiations between railway workers and railroad companies and provides paid sick leave for workers.

These votes put rail workers' rights over corporate profits. I am proud to support the Tentative Agreement which will provide important advances for freight rail workers. These advances include a 24 percent pay raise, a \$5,000 bonus, no changes in copays, deductibles, or coinsurance, and seven days of paid medical leave.

Additionally, my votes for these resolutions are to avert a devastating rail shutdown that would slam the brakes on our economy and impact the lives of nearly every American. Communities in Minnesota and across our nation need reliable access to safe drinking water. A rail shutdown would disrupt deliveries of essential products like chlorine, that are necessary to keep our water supplies safe and clean. Further, a rail stoppage would prevent timely deliveries of groceries, medications, and other vital goods. Some families would be hit even harder as it is estimated that as many as 765,000 Americans, many of them union workers, would lose their jobs within weeks.

My votes for H.J. Res. 110 and H.J. Res. 119 are to put workers' rights, the safety of our communities, and Americans' economic security over corporate profits. Railroad workers deserve fair compensation, benefits, and

sick leave, and I will continue to fight for their rights.

TRIBUTE TO DON HORSLEY ON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 1, 2022

Ms. ESHOO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a devoted servant of the people of San Mateo County who is completing his tenure on the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors, Don Horsley. He has worked in law enforcement, education, as elected Sheriff and President of the Healthcare District Board. His life has been one devoted to the wellbeing of others.

Don Horsley is married to Elaine and they reside in Emerald Hills. They have three adult children and one grandchild. Don is a native San Franciscan who was raised in Daly City. He graduated from Westmoor High School and earned his Bachelor's degree with Honors from San Francisco State University. He later earned a secondary school teaching credential.

Don Horsley began his working career doing odd jobs as a teenager, then as a juvenile counselor with the San Mateo County Probation Department. He taught middle school students, and then began his work in law enforcement with the City of Pacifica.

Don began his career with the San Mateo County Sheriffs office as a Patrol Deputy in East Palo Alto in 1972. He won the race for San Mateo County Sheriff in 1993 and served as the elected Sheriff for nearly 14 years. His tenure was marked by innovation, modernization and upgrading the tools used by law enforcement. He helped establish a gang investigative unit, and his work resulted in the lowest county homicide rate in California.

Don Horsley was elected to the Sequoia Healthcare District where he served as President until he was elected to the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors. At the Healthcare District he spearheaded efforts to increase funding to the North Fair Oaks Clinic and the Community Grant Program, and advocated annexation of the San Mateo Coastside into the District, and worked successfully to fund school nurses and health programs in District schools.

Don Horsley was elected to the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors for District 3 in 2010 and has served with great distinction for three terms. The District includes the cities of Atherton, southeast Belmont, Half Moon Bay, Pacifica, Portola Valley, San Carlos and Woodside. It also includes unincorporated Devonshire Canyon, El Granada, Emerald Lake Hills, Harbor Industrial Park, La Honda, Ladera, Loma Mar, Los Trancos Woods, Miramar, Montara, Moss Beach, Palomar Park, Pescadero, Princeton By-The-Sea, San Gregorio, Skyline, Skylonda, Stanford Lands, Vista Verde and West Menlo Park. His third and last term will end on December 31, 2022, and he currently serves as the Board's President, an office he held twice before.

Don Horsley hosted Getting Prohibited Guns Off the Street: Firearm Relinquishment in San Mateo County, an inter-agency partnership with the Giffords Law Center on March 11,

2022. Subsequently, the Board of Supervisors committed \$1 million to taking guns away from people with violent offenses and restraining orders.

Don Horsley is a tireless advocate for farmworkers on the Coast and helped develop the San Mateo County Farm Labor Housing Loan Program. The program finances the construction of new and renovated housing for farmworkers, in partnership with agricultural operators.

Don is an outspoken supporter of civilian oversight of law enforcement, a strong advocate for affordable housing, and is committed to ensuring that policies and funding for housing, transportation, job training and other services reach the most vulnerable residents.

Madam Speaker, I ask the entire House to join me in thanking Don Horsley for his exemplary service to the people of San Mateo County and in wishing him every blessing in the next chapter of his life. He is a good and great man and we are a better community and a stronger country because of him and his work.

HONORING KRISTI HOWELL

HON. ANDY KIM

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 1, 2022

Mr. KIM of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Kristi Howell, a champion for small businesses who has dedicated her career to empowering business owners that shape New Jersey's economy every day.

As we celebrate her 20th anniversary of joining the Burlington County Regional Chamber of Commerce (BCRCC) as President and CEO, it's important to note how her work has transformed the Chamber's impact on our district and across the state. Kristi has been at the forefront of leading rebranding efforts, strengthening key partnerships, including with Joint Base McGuire-Dix Lakehurst, and expanding programming from 20 annual networking and educational events to 60. Through Lunch N' Learns, Women's Business Conferences, Workforce Development Conferences, and more, Kristi has created a welcoming space for businesses and their employees to find success.

Beyond her service through the Chamber of Commerce, Kristi has also been an active member of our community. From advising lawmakers in Trenton before deciding to apply her government background and communication skills to the business world, she has had an impact on multiple sectors of service. Kristi continues to give back as a board member and advisor for numerous organizations including the Military Support Alliance of NJ, the YMCA of the Pines, the Girl Scouts of Central and Southern New Jersey, Visit South Jersey, and the Burlington County Institute of Technology.

Kristi's passion for service has also been recognized through a number of prestigious awards and honors over the years. More recently, Kristi was recognized by South Jersey Biz Magazine as Executive of the Year, by SJ Magazine's Women of Excellence for her Leadership, and by Gloucester County's Chamber of Commerce Foundation for her commitment to small businesses.

Having worked with Kristi on the Small Business Advisory Council in 2019, I am humbled to know firsthand the value of her leadership and expertise. We are grateful for the work that Kristi has done. I know I speak for the 3rd District in congratulating her for a remarkable milestone of 20-years leading the BCRCC.

RECOGNIZING CHAIRMAN JOSE "PEPE" DIAZ FOR AN EXTRAORDINARY CAREER IN PUBLIC SERVICE

HON. CARLOS A. GIMENEZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 1, 2022

Mr. GIMENEZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the career of my good friend, Chairman Jose "Pepe" Diaz for his outstanding work as a Miami-Dade County Commissioner and Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners. During my tenure as Mayor of Miami-Dade County, I had the pleasure of working closely with Chairman Diaz on many important issues over the years. We were able to come together to serve the residents of Miami-Dade County and formed a strong friendship that has continued even after my time at the County.

Chairman Diaz is the quintessential public servant. He started his career in public service at a young age as a member of the U.S. Marine Corps and has continued down a path of lifelong service to the community he so deeply admires. Chairman Diaz has served on numerous boards and been appointed to countless committees, which is a testament to his leadership and dedication to improving the lives of the residents of South Florida. Chairman Diaz has spearheaded countless projects and initiatives for Miami-Dade County over the span of his 20 years serving on the County Commission and most recently led a bid committee to support Miami as a future host city for the World Cup. He has always been deeply committed to serving the county's veterans and active-duty service members.

It is my honor to recognize and honor Chairman Diaz for his service to the South Florida community. I had the distinct honor of working with Chairman Diaz for a large portion of my career, and I know the kind of focus and leadership he has brought to his entire career of public service. Although his time as a county commissioner is coming to an end, I know he will continue to thrive in his upcoming endeavors. I look forward to seeing what the future has in store and wish Chairman Diaz all the very best.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO MELVIN C. HIGH, SHERIFF OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 1, 2022

Mr. HOYER. Madam Speaker, I want to recognize the loss of an exceptional law enforcement official and community leader in Prince George's County, Maryland: Sheriff Melvin C. High. After a barrier-breaking career in law enforcement spanning 53 years, Sheriff High

passed away on November 17, 2022, just weeks before he was set to start a well-deserved retirement. Although many throughout the region and throughout the country will mourn his loss, his legacy endures through his profound impact on the communities he served and on policing broadly. Most importantly, his memory lives on through his wife, Brenda, and his daughter, Tracy.

Throughout his life, Melvin displayed an unyielding commitment to serving others. After teaching high school science in Mississippi, he served his country in Vietnam as a United States Marine. When he returned, he joined the Metropolitan Police Department here in Washington, DC in 1969. As one of the only Black officers in the ranks, he had to work his beat on foot since the police cruisers were reserved exclusively for his white colleagues. When he left the department after 24 years, however, he did so as Assistant Chief of Police—the first Black person in the department's history to serve as second-in-command. Melvin then spent a decade as Chief of Police in Norfolk, Virginia, before he came to Prince George's County in 2003.

Melvin was appointed Chief of the Prince George's County Police Department at a time of immense distrust between law enforcement and the community. He worked to restore the public's faith in his department by improving accountability, addressing mismanagement, and implementing policies to build safer communities. From rewriting the department's use-of-force policy to instituting the county's first system to detect and track the early signs of abuse, High's stringent standards and innovative leadership got his department back on track. Prince Georgians were so pleased with his work that they elected him to serve as their county's sheriff in 2010 and again in 2014 and 2018. In that role, he continued to make accountability a priority and worked to bring attention to pressing issues facing his community, including domestic abuse.

Melvin faced many obstacles over the years, but he worked to dismantle them for those who followed in his footsteps. Throughout his career, he cultivated greater diversity in law enforcement, developed more equitable and more effective community policing methods, and mentored numerous officers. While Melvin's many achievements are impressive, his humility is what makes them so inspiring. Despite being one of the most accomplished law enforcement professionals in the country, he still saw himself as a father and husband first. I am sure that he would remind us that he was just one of the many law enforcement officers across America who serve quietly to keep their communities and country safe.

Nevertheless, I ask all my colleagues to join me in mourning his loss, honoring his life's work, and wishing strength to his family.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF CAPTAIN RYAN CASEY

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 1, 2022

Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Captain Ryan Casey and his service to Virginia's First District and the Nation.

Ryan earned his bachelor's degree in Finance, Economics, and Political Science from Carthage College. After graduating from Carthage College, he commissioned as an officer in the U.S. Marine Corps. While in the U.S. Marine Corps, he worked his way up from Student Officer to Weapons Platoon Commander, eventually earning the rank of Captain.

Ryan then graduated from the Expeditionary Warfare School at Marine Corps University. He subsequently earned his master's degree in Public Policy from the Schar School of Policy and Government at George Mason University.

Ryan joined my office as a Department of Defense Legislative Fellow in January 2022. As a Defense Fellow, he served our Nation both as a Marine and a public servant. He contributed mightily and invaluable to my House Armed Services Committee work, which included my role as the Ranking Member of the Seapower and Projection Forces Subcommittee.

I would like to thank Ryan for his contributions and dedicated service over the last year. He has been a key member of my defense team and staff, and I wish him all the best as he continues his journey here in the Capitol as a House Liaison Officer in the U.S. Marine Corps House Liaison Office.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in recognizing Captain Ryan Casey for his service to Virginia's First District and the Nation. May God bless Ryan as he continues his career in public service and the U.S. Marine Corps.

HONORING JACK STACK, PRESIDENT AND CEO OF SRC HOLDINGS CORPORATION

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LONG. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Jack Stack, the President and CEO of SRC Holdings Corporation.

Jack, a graduate of Elmhurst College, came to SRC in 1979 as the Plant Manager of International Harvester after eleven years of direct supply chain management experience. In 1983, Stack and the SRC employees bought the company from IH and have turned it into what INC. magazine has proclaimed "one of America's most competitive small companies". They currently employ more than 1,800 people, with annual sales over \$600,000,000. SRC remanufactures gasoline and diesel engines for the automotive and off-highway markets, distributes engine kits, manufactures power units and remanufactures electrical components, and conducts seminars and training programs specializing in all aspects of teaching people how to implement open-book management. Jack has authored three books on business, *The Great Game of Business* (1992), *A Stake in the Outcome* (2002) and *Change The Game: Saving the American Dream by Closing the Gap* (2019).

Jack has been named The Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce's "Springfieldian of the Year"; an honor bestowed annually on a local community member who has worked to improve the quality of life in Springfield. He has

also received the Springfield Business Journal's Economic Impact "Lifetime Achievement" award for outstanding professional accomplishments and contributions in the business community. INC. Magazine has called him the "smartest strategist in America" and named him one of twenty-five entrepreneurs selected to represent the 25 years INC. has been published. These are just a few of his many recognitions.

On top of his business work, Jack has been active in his local community, previously serving as director of Care to Learn, a local not-for-profit agency that provides relief to children with emergent hunger, health, and hygiene needs. Jack is the founder of the Boys and Girls Clubs Invest to Invest Club which was created in order to generate a new source of funds for their youth programs and to serve as a tool to teach business basics to Club members and provide a friendly and competitive venue for the Invest to Invest group members.

Madam Speaker, Jack Stack has achieved truly great things, and I am proud to honor him today.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 1, 2022

Mr. HUDSON. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained and missed a vote. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 490.

REMEMBERING MRS. CAROLINE STOKES

HON. HALEY M. STEVENS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 1, 2022

Ms. STEVENS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in memory of Mrs. Caroline Stokes of West Bloomfield, Michigan. Mrs. Stokes is remembered as a kind, strong, and loving person who will be truly missed by all who knew her. While it is difficult to bid farewell to Mrs. Stokes, it is an honor to commemorate her life today, and I thank my colleagues for helping pay their respects to this remarkable woman.

Caroline was born on January 18, 1945, in Wyandotte, Michigan. She grew up in Wyandotte with her two beloved siblings, Irene Hartley and Ralph Romanowski, both of whom preceded her in death. At an early age, Caroline found companionship in Karen Bolin, who was born and raised across the street. Karen, now of Indiana, was fortunate to have this friendship with Caroline that stretched over 77 years. Caroline was the cherished wife of Mr. Lance Stokes and beloved mother of Bonnie (Jason) Garcia, David (Angela) Medved, John (Shannon) Medved, Anna Medved, Tehophil Stokes, and Megan Stokes. In addition, she was a devoted "nana" to Ricky, Caroline, Alec, Jonathon, Beonka, Evan, Aubree, Benjamin, Julia, Emelia, Jack, Alexander, and Ellie Grace, along with "grandnana" to Cora Lynn. Caroline valued the bond she shared with her family and was proud to be the caring aunt to Rose, Laura, Lorraine, and Douglas, and to her grandnephew, Jazz.

Mrs. Stokes' primary profession was as an insurance agent, but she found great joy in pursuing her passion as a photographic artist, taking her on many new adventures in her adult life. Mr. and Mrs. Stokes conducted photo shoots across the United States, in Canada, and even Italy. Canada's "wild and untamed beauty" captivated Caroline, as she often expressed a desire to live in the beautiful country. The "McCutcheon Clan" in Ontario were wonderful friends to the Stokes and considered them honorary McCutcheons, sharing many years of friendship.

In addition to her knack for photography, Caroline was an avid reader, painter, and enthusiastic traveler. As a woman of faith, Caroline greatly cherished her travel to Assisi, as St. Francis of Assisi was her favorite saint. She was a music lover, enjoying a variety of genres and artists. Her family says that her music tastes ranged from Willie Nelson and Neil Diamond to opera, Pavarotti, Julio Iglesias, and Yanni as well as Soul and Polish music.

Madam Speaker, Mrs. Caroline Stokes led by example, demonstrating the impact one person can make on the lives of so many by embodying the values that connect us. Caroline's devotion to her family and friends, along with her passion for travelling and the arts will continue to inspire those who knew her for a long time to come. I ask my colleagues to please join me in honoring the life of Mrs. Caroline Stokes.

IN MEMORY OF BARBARA THARPE
RAINES

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 1, 2022

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Madam Speaker, it is with a heavy heart and solemn remembrance that I rise today to honor the life and legacy of a loving wife, dedicated mother, dotting grandmother and a woman after God's own heart, First Lady Emeritus Barbara Tharpe Raines. Sadly, First Lady Raines passed from labor to reward after a long and fruitful journey of service to humankind. A service celebrating her remarkable life will be held on Saturday, December 3, 2022 in Macon, Georgia at 12:00 p.m. at the Macon Centreplex. She leaves a legacy of service that is worthy of emulation.

Barbara Tharpe Raines was born on January 30, 1951, in Macon, Georgia to the late James Bryant and Alma Jones Tharpe. She was the oldest of six children.

First Lady Raines was a lifelong learner and was a proud product of the Bibb County School System, graduating from Ballard Hudson High School in 1968. The next stop on her educational journey was Fort Valley State College (now University), graduating in 1972 with a Bachelor's of Science Degree in Education. She also received a Master's Degree in Counseling from Georgia College and State University with more study at Georgia Southern University.

Equipped with great educational tools, she embarked on a thirty-year education career, serving in multiple roles, including First Grade Teacher, Second Grade Teacher and Guidance Counselor. She retired from the Bibb

County School system with her final duty station at Burghurd Elementary School. Never one to rest on her laurels or one to stop trying to help those in need, she came out of retirement to do independent counseling for the school system, setting up independent counseling programs and serving as she did so often in her life as a mentor for new counselors. First Lady Raines was also an instructor with Hicks and Hicks Associates of Atlanta, Georgia, where she taught child development courses.

Central to her life and character was her commitment to God that she formed at an early age. An unbreakable bond was cemented with her beloved husband and life partner, the Reverend Curtis Raines as they were both founding members of the Mount Vernon Baptist Church. She and Rev. Raines were members of the church's Youth Department and played an integral role in the Church's spiritual and social development. First Lady Raines and Reverend Raines formed a true partnership as she became a deaconess and he became a deacon under the leadership of their pastor at Mount Vernon, the Reverend Dr. Henry Ficklin.

Applying the lessons that he learned at Mount Vernon, Reverend Raines began his own ministerial journey along with First Lady Raines who supported him at every turn, as a sterling example of what a First Lady should be. She served as the First Lady of New Pilgrim Baptist Church for 34 years and Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church Bolingbroke for 31 years. First Lady Raines was involved with many ministries that had as their goal the development of the whole person.

When Reverend Raines became President of the General Missionary Convention of Georgia, First Lady Raines was once again a full partner with her husband serving in numerous capacities with the Convention.

George Washington Carver once said, "How far you go in life depends on your being tender with the young, compassionate with the aged sympathetic with the striving and tolerant with the weak and strong, because someday in your life you will have been all of these."

First Lady Emeritus Barbara Raines used her life's work to help people from all walks of life. She was a member of many social and civic organizations to include the Macon Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Bibb Retired Education Association and Retired Counselors, Mentor at the Macon Youth Development Center, Rainbow Grief Counselor, Co-Team Captain of American Cancer Society, Former Member of the American Lung Association, and Cancer Relay for Life.

Because of her remarkable service to others, she has been recognized by local, state and national organizations.

Besides being one of God's Children, her greatest role in life was being a dedicated wife, loving mother and grandmother. As outlined already, she supported and served as the greatest cheerleader to her husband of almost 44 years, Rev. Curtis Raines in various endeavors. Moreover, she always supported her children and grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to have known a woman with the grace, class and dignity of First Lady Emeritus Barbara Tharpe Raines. I ask my colleagues to join my wife Vivian and me, along with the 730,000 people of the Second Congressional District in extending our

deepest condolences to her family, friends and all who mourn her loss. May they be comforted by their faith, the grace of God and the Holy Spirit in the days, weeks and months ahead.

RECOGNIZING DISTRICT 2 COMMISSIONER JEAN MONESTIME FOR AN EXTRAORDINARY CAREER IN PUBLIC SERVICE

HON. CARLOS A. GIMENEZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 1, 2022

Mr. GIMENEZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Commissioner Jean Monestime of the Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners for his exemplary accomplishments and commitment to the betterment of the residents of South Florida. Commissioner Monestime served as the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners during my first term as Mayor. He is a true public servant that has worked tirelessly on behalf of his constituents in District 2 and our entire community.

Commissioner Monestime has been a fighter his entire career. In 2010, he became the first Haitian American to serve on the Board of County Commissioners. He has fought relentlessly to expand opportunities for others. Commissioner Monestime has a long history of advocating for equal justice and economic development throughout Miami-Dade County. He has served on numerous boards and nationally recognized organizations to make sure that the economy in South Florida works for all people and that there is equal opportunity for individuals of all backgrounds.

I have known Commissioner Monestime for a very long time, and I am proud of our work together. He has helped bring much-needed economic growth to some of the most impoverished areas of our county and has always focused his energy on the most vulnerable. I look forward to seeing how he continues his career and thank him for his years of service to the residents of Miami-Dade.

RECOGNIZING THE BRAVERY OF
SPC SOLOMON DOSS

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 1, 2022

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize SPC Solomon Doss.

On the morning of August 13, 2022, while on duty as a Piedmont Police Officer, SPC Solomon J Doss received a call to respond to an active structure fire. When he arrived on the scene with his partner, they saw flames and heavy smoke coming from the house and assessed that there was no time to wait for additional help. On scene, they coordinated briefly with an off-duty officer that had already attempted to gain entry but had been forced to exit due to the severity of the smoke and fire.

Without hesitation, SPC Doss entered the structure in search of the occupant but was forced back out for clean air and to clear his lungs. He then reentered the structure in a

second attempt, during which he located the occupant of the home, an elderly woman that had become incapacitated due to smoke inhalation. SPC Doss and his partner carried her safely out of the structure shortly before it was engulfed in flames, ultimately saving the woman's life.

SPC Doss is the 2022 National Guardsman of the Year for this act of selfless bravery.

SPC Solomon Doss serves with the Alabama National Guard's 1166th Military Police Company and is from Piedmont, Alabama. During the 1166th MP Company's mobilization to Kuwait in 2020, SPC Doss served as a U.S. CENTCOM Customs Border Clearance Agent supporting Operation Spartan Shield.

Outside the National Guard, SPC Doss works as a Patrol Officer at Piedmont Police Department in Piedmont, AL.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing SPC Solomon Doss' act of selfless bravery. SPC Doss represents the best of our community, and I'm honored to recognize him.

RECOGNIZING THE EUROPEAN PRAYER BREAKFAST'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. GARY J. PALMER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 1, 2022

Mr. PALMER. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the 25th anniversary of the European Prayer Breakfast. In honor of this milestone, I offer this brief history of the breakfast and its initial beginnings.

In 1996, Prince Nikolaus von Liechtenstein co-hosted a prayer group in his home of senior political, diplomatic, and NATO leaders of Europe, along with Sir Paul Petrie. The group met weekly in his dining room in Brussels, Belgium, for over a year in rich fellowship and mutual sharing of scripture, focused on and around, the Person of Jesus. Deep relationships between the participants in this small group were formed as a result.

At the end of a year, one of the group suggested that there were others in Brussels who would enjoy and benefit from a similar experience. As a result, an invitation to others from the same spheres of responsibility was issued to attend a Saturday breakfast.

Nearly 100 attended this by-invitation-only event in 1997. They shared their unique stories with one another and were greatly encouraged. Following the gathering, the participants were asked if they would be interested in continuing to meet. With their approval, the participants sent out initiations to 157 people, and 155 accepted.

This 1st annual European Prayer Breakfast was held in 1997. Prince Nikolaus moderated in 4 languages in French, Dutch, German, and English. Prayers were offered and scriptures read in all 4 languages. The Honorable Georgina Dufoix, then the French Minister of the Interior under President Mitterrand, shared her testimony in French, simply and powerfully.

At its conclusion, people were so moved that there was weeping among many. After closing in unison with The Lord's Prayer in 28 different languages simultaneously, no one moved. There was such a powerful presence evident among them.

When the group was later asked . . . "Would you like to do this again?" There was a universal agreement . . . Yes.

Thus began the European Prayer Breakfast of European diplomats, elected officials, military officials, and friends in Brussels, Belgium.

Sometime later Paul Petrie began to collaborate with Doug Coe, a coordinator of the U.S. National Prayer Breakfast in Washington, DC. Doug offered Paul the opportunity to invite European members of Parliament and others to the U.S. National Prayer Breakfast in Washington, DC, and so began the relationship of mutual encouragement.

As the European Prayer Breakfast continued, Paul, Prince Nikolaus and others received requests from multiple European National Parliamentarians to receive invitations to the Brussels event and they came by the dozens, then hundreds. This would bring many requests to help start similar events in National Parliaments across Europe.

In each case Paul would visit the respective country's capital and encourage the initial step to be a weekly prayer gathering for a year, in preparation for the larger event. The group would consist of like-minded followers of Jesus from political, diplomatic, and administrative roles, with an intentional effort to include opposing political parties. This smaller, weekly group who would pray, study scripture, and develop personal relationships, long before initiating a larger gathering. The inclusion of opposing political parties into a small weekly group would become a foundational principle of the prayer breakfast, in every location.

Today there are 40 smaller prayer groups across Europe who gather in the same spirit, to study and discuss the teachings of Jesus, and to pray.

It was in 2002 that, at the National Prayer Breakfast in Washington, DC, that Paul Petrie, along with friends Dennis Coll, Bill Hightower and others, would organize the European Suite & Dinner. Here, European political leaders would come together during the week of the U.S. National Prayer Breakfast to mutually share and encourage one another. Subsequently, Paul Petrie would host the European Prayer Breakfast Leader's dinner at the Stanhope Hotel in Brussels during the week of the European Prayer Breakfast.

In 2017, Paul Petrie was knighted into the Ancient Order of St. George, by His Royal and Imperial Highness The Archduke Karel Van Hapsburg of Austria, for his "30 years of influence for the Kingdom of God upon European Royal Families, Governments, and Parliaments."

Subsequently he was granted an Honorary Doctorate from Asbury Theological Seminary for his work to extend the message of Jesus to others.

The spirit of the European Prayer Breakfast has been extended to many countries since its inception. The Israeli Knesset was one of those places. The Israeli-Christian Caucus came to visit the European Prayer Breakfast in Brussels, and subsequently made the decision, with the support of Israeli President at the time, Ruven Rivlin, to initiate the Jerusalem Prayer Breakfast in 2016, of which Paul Petrie was a Founding Member. It continues today.

It is with deep appreciation that this proclamation is offered in honor of Prince Nikolaus von Liechtenstein and Sir Paul Petrie, for their profound positive effect upon this movement

across Europe, and for their deep and abiding friendship for over a quarter of a century.

RECOGNIZING TWENTY-THREE YEARS OF SERVICE FROM ELIM CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 1, 2022

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Madam Speaker, today I am pleased to honor a pillar within the city of Buffalo, ELIM Christian Fellowship. ELIM has had unwavering support for all of Western New York since its creation in 1999, and their congregation is now celebrating their twenty-third year of service. I would like to congratulate them on their perseverance through struggles and wish them a successful night of celebration.

Under the leadership of Senior Pastor T. Anthony Bronner, ELIM Christian Fellowship was founded as a non-denominational and bible-based ministry, inviting people of all communities. According to Senior Pastor Bronner, "The name ELIM conceptually means a place of refreshing, reviving, and renewing for weary travelers and has proven to be a fitting symbol of spiritual revitalization and restoration. It is known for its spirit-led praise, worship, and intercessory prayer. People from all races, religions, age groups, and denominational affiliations engage weekly to see God's Face."

On the Fellowship's first day of worship, over seven-hundred men, women, and children gathered at the former Buffalo Christian Center in downtown Buffalo. Many of the original members were also attendees of the Regional Morning Prayer Movement. It drew in people of all kinds from many different communities. This Regional Morning Prayer continued uninterrupted since its inception, even through the COVID-19 pandemic.

ELIM moved from the Christian Center to Turner Carroll High School in February of 2000. After only six months of occupancy, membership grew from 700 to over 1600. Due to the growth in membership at ELIM, in June 2000, they had the opportunity to purchase a property across from The Central Park Plaza for a new Worship and Youth Center.

When the Center opened in August 2000, more than 700 members, several communities, and political leaders attended the trail-blazing ceremony. In that same year, ELIM members and visitors had the opportunity to meet with First Lady, Hillary R. Clinton, and hear her words of encouragement.

Also, under the leadership of Senior Pastor T. Anthony Bronner, ELIM Christian Fellowship, created a chapter in Rochester, NY in November 2002. The expansion was a major evolution for the Fellowship and expanded the tightly knit community. The expansion also demonstrated an expansion in its mission and who that mission can reach. With the evolution in leadership, ELIM saw a large increase in permanent members due to holding worship at an unconventional time in the afternoon. In September 2004, ELIM finally officially obtained a worship center in the heart of Rochester, cementing their welcomed expansion.

Then on April 30, 2006, ELIM had the privilege of opening a new worship center with a

service of thanksgiving. Many community leaders and congregational members celebrated the event with prayer and a march from the Central Park Plaza to the new edifice. Moving forward to 2008, the Consecration and Ordination Service for leader Bishop T. Anthony Bronner occurred with the Fellowship members as witnesses. Everyone was extremely excited and joyful over Pastor Bronner's initiation into the Bishopric.

Undoubtedly, ELIM faced an unprecedented amount of hardship, but years of struggle were made worthwhile when ELIM Christian Fellowship just recently made its final payment on its multimillion-dollar mortgage. Now the ministry can move forward and serve the community without hesitation. They have a permanent home.

Our community is grateful for the leadership of the ELIM Christian Fellowship and for their dedication to guiding countless Buffalonians in faith and service.

CELEBRATING THE CAREER OF HAL DONALDSON AND CONVOY OF HOPE

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 1, 2022

Mr. LONG. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the founder of Convoy of Hope, Hal Donaldson.

In 1994, Hal took a trip to India and was inspired to start serving his local community. He bought \$600 worth of groceries and distributed them to families in need. In 1996, Convoy of Hope opened its headquarters in Springfield, MO, and in 1997 a friend donated a tractor trailer to assist in transporting goods. It was the first of many tractor trailers which are now iconic. Since 1994, Convoy of Hope has expanded into a global charity, serving more than 100 countries. They have served more than 200 million people and given out nearly \$2 billion in resources and essential supplies. They have responded to more than 600 disasters worldwide, including the 9/11 terror attacks, Hurricane Katrina in 2005 where they sent nearly 1,000 tractor trailer loads of food and supplies as well as Hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria in 2017. They also provided more than 200 million meals during the COVID pandemic and are currently helping to provide meals for Ukrainians impacted by the war. These are but a few examples of the incredible work done by Convoy of Hope.

Convoy of Hope continues to expand their efforts, and in 2021, they completed construction on their new World Distribution Center in Springfield and are currently working to build a new headquarters next door, which is expected to be completed in 2023.

Madam Speaker, since their humble beginnings in 1994, Hal Donaldson and Convoy of Hope have become a global leader in responding to disasters and providing food for the hungry. They continue to grow through the help of volunteers and generous donations. I am proud to honor them today, and thank them for all of their efforts to date and going forward.

HONORING LIBERTY BANK AND TRUST ON CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF QUALITY BANKING IN AMERICA AS THE FIRST BLACK RUN BANK IN LOUISIANA

HON. TROY A. CARTER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 1, 2022

Mr. CARTER of Louisiana. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Liberty Bank and Trust, a financial institution celebrating 50 years of quality banking in America as the first Black-run bank in Louisiana.

In November 1972, New Orleans was a city with a majority African American population. However, there were very few African Americans in elective office and limited resources for the development of African American businesses and personal wealth building. Following decades of segregation and limited voting rights, New Orleans was a city awakening to increased opportunities for its African American citizens.

Dr. Norman C. Francis conceived the idea of starting an African American owned bank in New Orleans following the failure of at least two other efforts to start such an institution. In late 1971, he approached a bi-racial group of businesspeople and elected officials with the idea and was able to secure the resources to open Liberty Bank on November 16, 1972, in a bank trailer on the site of its first Headquarters Building on Tulane Avenue in New Orleans. During its first week of operations, Liberty opened over 2,000 accounts, clearly demonstrating the need for an African American owned financial institution in New Orleans.

With \$2 million dollars in assets, Liberty reported a substantial profit for its first year of operations and has reported profitable years 46 of its 50 years in existence. The Liberty Bank Building on Tulane Avenue opened 2 years later. That same year, Liberty opened its first branch office on Gentilly Blvd.

Liberty's mission is to provide cost-effective delivery of high quality, innovative, customer driven financial products and services to diverse markets with a focus on disadvantaged minority communities who have traditionally been underserved. Concurrent with the bank's mission, Liberty strives to maintain the company's status as a catalyst for economic and community development while generating fair returns to shareholders and being an excellent corporate citizen.

Some of the members of the bi-racial group that worked with Dr. Francis in the early years to get the bank started included:

C.C. Dejoie—Publisher, Louisiana Weekly
Judge Ernest N. "Dutch" Morial, Then State Senator

Mike O'Keefe
Judge Israel Augustine
Owen Brennan, Jr., Prominent Restaurant owner

William J. Connick
Benjamin J. Johnson, Esq.
Ambrose J. Pratt, Jr., MD
Dr. Langston F. Reed, Local Dentist and Activist

Norman P. Zucker
Joseph O. Misshore
Ms. Jesse W. Cook
Joseph E. Berrigan, Jr.

Ben D. Bridgeman
Joseph G. Landrieu, Jr.
Jennings Courville
Tricon (Clem) Sehr

A key development in the early years was the financing of Doley Securities', the first Black seat on the New York Stock Exchange owned by Harold Doley, Jr., becoming the only African American in its history to do so. The bank's additional key notes include asset growth over first 20 years, mortgages processed, work with National Bankers Association and community outreach efforts.

Once committed to opening an African American owned bank, Dr. Francis secured the only African American working above the level of teller in any bank in the New Orleans community to run the bank. That was Alden McDonald, joining the bank at the ripe age of 29 years old. Effective May 2, 2022, the board of directors of Liberty Bank and Trust Company announced that Todd O. McDonald was named the bank's president. Liberty's former President and CEO Alden J. McDonald Jr., Todd's father, continues to lead the Liberty Financial Holding Company. Dr. Francis is still chair of the Liberty Bank Board 50 years later, and Alden McDonald was one of the longest serving African American Bank Presidents in America.

Liberty Bank established its Baton Rouge presence in 1994 and opened a third branch in 2004. Liberty then moved into Mississippi in 2003, acquiring First American Bank in Jackson. This was followed by expansion into the Greater Kansas City market with the acquisition of Douglass bank in Kansas City, Kansas, and Kansas City, Missouri, in 2008.

Liberty Bank and Trust Company expanded across Greater New Orleans with the 2009 acquisition of United Bank and Trust Company, securing four additional locations to serve that market. That was followed by the acquisition of Home Federal Savings in Detroit, Michigan, which increased the bank's reach to six states. In 2013, Liberty Bank entered the Chicago market with the acquisition of Covenant Bank of Illinois, and in 2015, the bank expanded to Montgomery and Tuskegee, Alabama through the purchase of First Tuskegee Bank.

Liberty Bank's growth has been the result of acquisitions, fruitful partnerships, aggressive marketing, strong management, staff productivity and the trust it enjoys in the community. It all adds up to an efficient, well-capitalized institution that is perfectly positioned to continue fast-paced growths in both profits and assets. Liberty Bank is passionate about helping more people achieve more economic freedom.

Today Liberty Bank is the largest financial institution in the United States owned by African Americans. It has assets of more than \$1 billion dollars, a customer base of over 40,000 accounts with 175 employees, and still growing, while recognized as one of the fastest growing financial institutions in the country.

Todd McDonald said in a press release, "I've been singularly driven to build solid stakeholder partnerships and evolve financial products which meet the financial needs of an ever-changing world. This next 50 years will be extraordinary as we reshape our culture, talent and organizational capabilities which will make us more agile, more competitive, and more effective in our efforts to close the wealth gap in underserved communities across the country."

A huge congratulations to New Orleans' home-grown financial institution, celebrating their Golden Anniversary New Orleans' with a promising future ahead of them.

HONORING RABBI ALVIN
WAINHAUS ON THE CELEBRA-
TION OF HIS 40TH ANNIVERSARY
AT CONGREGATION OR SHALOM

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 1, 2022

Ms. DeLAURO. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to join Congregation Or Shalom, located in Orange, Connecticut in paying tribute to their outstanding leader, Rabbi Alvin Wainhaus as he marks his 40th Anniversary with the synagogue. Indeed, he has been the Temple's only rabbi since it opened its doors in 1981.

The son of Holocaust survivors, Rabbi Wainhaus was raised in Boro Park, Brooklyn and attended Brooklyn College, where he received a degree in philosophy, as well as New York University, where he earned a master's degree in education, before he was ordained at Yeshiva Beth Meir in Tel Aviv, Israel some five decades ago. He served several synagogues before coming to Congregation Or Shalom where he has led the conservative synagogue with integrity, wisdom, and compassion for the last forty years. In that time, Rabbi Wainhaus has officiated two hundred weddings, named as many babies, and presided over more than five hundred Bar and Bat Mitzvahs. Through his dedicated leadership, both within the synagogue and the community at large, he has touched the lives of many.

Rabbi Wainhaus is also known as a professional musician, having performed and made numerous recordings with the late Hebrew folk singer Rabbi Shlomo Carlebach as well as most recently recording a disc to accompany a text of Biblical Hebrew, published by Yale University Press. Rabbi Wainhaus frequently incorporates his inspirational and traditional music into his sermons and services. He is also fluent in Yiddish and is a noted lecturer on Yiddish humor.

With his own background in education, Rabbi Wainhaus has focused much of his energy on the teaching of Jewish tradition and faith, particularly with children. He guides the synagogue's educational program for all ages. His door is always open to those of the Jewish faith and to the entire community—to those who wish to learn. For the past sixteen years he led the Kristallnacht Program which is open community-wide and recognizes unsung heroes of the Holocaust.

Through his spiritual leadership, as well as his love for music and teaching, Rabbi Alvin Wainhaus has left an indelible mark on our community. His infinite compassion and commitment to service inspires others to make a difference—a gift that has and continues to make the Greater New Haven community a better place to live, learn, and grow. I am so pleased to have the opportunity to extend my deepest thanks to him for all of his good work and to join Congregation Or Shalom in congratulating him on his 40th Anniversary. Rabbi—Todah Rabah and Mazel Tov.

RECOGNIZING THE FOURTEENTH
ANNUAL FAMILY CHRISTMAS
EXTRAVAGANZA

HON. BILL POSEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 1, 2022

Mr. POSEY. Madam Speaker, on Saturday, December 17, 2022, Brevard County families, businesses and local community organizations will gather to celebrate the Fourteenth Annual Family Christmas Extravaganza. This wonderful event, which will take place at Fred Poppe Regional Park in Palm Bay, FL, will provide an uplifting message of hope and future during this Christmas season.

The House Church, Elevation Church, Eastwind Pentecostal Church, Victory in Christ Jesus, Centerpointe Church, Grace Bible Church, Jornada al Cielo, Church on the Rock, River of Life Christian Center, Brevard Worship Center, and Hope Ministries of Florida, Wings of Grace Ministries, CITA Rescue Mission, and ANEW International have all united to bring the Annual Family Christmas Extravaganza to our City and County.

Working with several community and business partners such as the City of Palm Bay Parks & Recreation, Thrifty Specialty Produce, Chick-Fil-A, Fruits of my Labor, Gator Automotive, Florida Blue, Frog Bones-Family Shooting Center, Travel Camp, Al Dia Today Newspaper, Hometown News, and Premiere Oaks 10 Cinema, the mission is to provide a positive venue for residents and children to celebrate Christmas, serve others and give back to their community.

Over 60 local businesses and organizations have made donations of Toys, food, gift certificates, equipment, finances, and goodie bags, and will feature Musicians and Artist such as Unified Sound with Joel Lopez, Peabod, KD3, Boanski, Eddie Anthony as Eddie Frost and much more.

Senior Pastor Ken Delgado of The House at Palm Bay said: "With today's news being filled with division, contention, and expressions of hatred, it is exciting to see the City of Palm Bay, along with the city's businesses and the citizens, create an event where love, joy and peace are expressed. The Family Christmas Extravaganza is the greatest expression that so many people yearn for and is what the angels proclaimed at the birth of Jesus, saying 'Peace and good will towards all men'."

The Mayor of the City of Palm Bay, Rob Medina, issued a proclamation in support for this year's celebration, recognizing the Extravaganza has become the largest Christmas party on the Space Coast and December 17, 2022, as Family Christmas Extravaganza Day.

The spirit of the holidays is all about giving and spending time with loved ones. This year's Extravaganza brings our community together to remind us of that. I ask my colleagues to join me in saluting all those who are doing their part to spread the Christmas spirit this holiday season and those who have worked so hard to make the Fourteenth Annual Family Christmas Extravaganza possible.

RECOGNIZING DISTRICT 4 COMMIS-
SIONER SALLY HEYMAN FOR AN
EXTRAORDINARY CAREER IN
PUBLIC SERVICE

HON. CARLOS A. GIMENEZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GIMENEZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Commissioner Sally A. Heyman for an outstanding career in public service. For over 35 years, Commissioner Heyman has faithfully served Miami-Dade County residents in a variety of capacities. Since her election to the County Board of Commissioners in September 2002, her selflessness and dedication to District 4 residents has been unparalleled.

Commissioner Heyman developed a passion for public service at an early age, encouraged by her parents to work with local charities and civic institutions. After teaching in the public school system and getting her Juris Doctorate degree from the University of Miami, Commissioner Heyman was elected to the Florida Legislature in 1994. As a state representative, she co-sponsored ordinances to address juvenile justice issues and support environmental protection efforts. Her conviction that every human being should be treated with dignity and respect led her to fight to eliminate the stigma of mental health illnesses. And as a breast cancer survivor herself, Commissioner Heyman advocates yearly for breast cancer awareness and education.

During her tenure on the Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners, Commissioner Heyman worked relentlessly for her constituents, advocating especially for reliable public transportation systems and affordable housing. One notable accomplishment was the development of Aventura station, a Brightline commuter stop which will relieve traffic and provide residents with an easy means of transportation. The station is expected to open this December.

Miami-Dade County is a better place because of Commissioner Heyman. I was lucky enough to work with her at the county level and personally witness her tenacity and dedication. I wish Commissioner Heyman all the very best as she retires from the Board of Commissioners.

WORLD AIDS DAY DECEMBER 1,
2022

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 1, 2022

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, I want to thank you all for being here today at the NMAC Capitol Hill Champions Reception to commemorate World AIDS Day and celebrate our progress over the years.

It is invigorating to be among a room full of leaders fighting the good fight against AIDS worldwide; and as so many here have contributed mightily to this effort, it is an honor, and quite humbling, to be this year's recipient of the John Lewis Good Trouble Award from NMAC.

I first want us to remember our dear friend and long-time colleague, Congressman John

Lewis. He was a true warrior fighting for a more just, equitable, fairer, and better world.

John Lewis earnestly believed that healthcare is a human right. Through his indefatigable leadership, he demonstrated the urgency of elevating the U.S. commitment to protect people worldwide from HIV and AIDS. He was a role model in so many respects, including his persistence in combating AIDS globally.

World AIDS Day provides us the opportunity to reflect on the AIDS epidemic and where progress has been made. This day also allows us to rededicate ourselves to eradicating the disease once and for all.

Since the first World AIDS Day in 1988, we have greatly increased our investments in HIV/AIDS prevention, care, treatment, and research.

When the HIV/AIDS epidemic started, the outlook was very grim. There wasn't an understanding of the disease, antivirals were not available, and life expectancy for those diagnosed was frighteningly short.

Today, there is a better understanding of HIV/AIDS, how it spreads, and how to treat it.

There are medications such as PrEP, which is taken daily to prevent HIV, and PEP, which is taken up to 72 hours potential HIV exposure.

Treatment has advanced tremendously to the point where many HIV patients have viral loads that are so low that they are undetectable.

The U.S. government has worked hard to combat the spread of this devastating disease.

Through legislation like the Ryan White CARE Act and the U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR), we have been able to improve HIV/AIDS education, quality of care, and distribution of resources to those who need them most, both domestically and globally.

The NIH provides the largest public investment in HIV/AIDS research globally. Dr. Anthony Fauci deserves credit for a large part of our country's AIDS response as Director of the Office of AIDS Research.

As we all know, racial and ethnic minorities are disproportionately impacted by HIV/AIDS, both in the United States and globally.

In the U.S., African Americans account for higher proportions of HIV diagnoses and people living with HIV, in comparison to other races and ethnicities.

In my home of Houston, Texas, 6 out of every 10 diagnosed HIV infections are among African Americans. It is estimated that 1 in 90 Houstonians are living with HIV/AIDS.

Racism, HIV stigma, homophobia, poverty, and barriers to health care exacerbate disparities and pose obstacles that prevent people from proper testing and treatment that would reduce the spread of HIV/AIDS.

I am proud to fight against racism, discrimination, and other societal deformities that cause disparities in health status and keep people from seeking urgently needed health care.

I have worked to declare HIV/AIDS a state of emergency among our African American community, which faces an infection rate nearly eleven times that of white Americans.

Internationally, I have worked to support PEPFAR in all they have done and continue to do to help those who struggle to combat the brutal HIV/AIDS virus.

It is estimated that there are 38.4 million people worldwide living with HIV.

In 2021, 1.5 million individuals acquired HIV, which is a 32 percent decline in new infections since 2010. This decline shows the impact that access to testing, treatment, care, and support services have on transmission and new diagnosis.

In 2021, around 650,000 people died from AIDS-related illnesses worldwide, compared to 2 million people in 2004 and 1.4 million in 2010.

Through the work of the CDC, the NIH, and the UN's World Health Organization, we have made great strides in reducing the transmission of HIV through antiretroviral therapies (ART) that reduce detectable viral loads. Those who take ART as prescribed are often able to have undetectable viral loads, live long healthy lives, and not transmit HIV to partners through sex.

In fiscal year 2021, PEPFAR provided HIV testing services for more than 50 million people and supported ART for nearly 19 million men, women and children globally. Because of PEPFAR, 2.8 million babies in 2021 were born HIV-free to parents living with HIV.

But there is still much work to be done.

The United Nations reports that progress on HIV treatment and prevention in the last three years has flatlined.

As a leader in the global fight against HIV and AIDS, the United States must continue to support HIV/AIDS prevention, care, treatment, and research.

My hope is that, through bipartisan support, Congress will continue to pass legislation that expands resources to reduce the spread of HIV/AIDS both in the U.S. and globally.

Beyond our borders, our efforts have extended care to millions in the developing world, through increased resources for PEPFAR and the Global Fund. This collective progress reflects the heights that can be reached when all stakeholders work together to achieve common goals.

I look forward to working with my colleagues, federal agencies, foundations and philanthropists, the NGO sector, community partners, and other global leaders to put an end to this epidemic that continues to plague us.

I want to thank everyone here today for supporting this extremely important issue. This is something that impacts us all and it should be a priority for all of us.

And again, I want to thank NMAC for awarding me with this year's John Lewis Good Trouble Award. I will do my best to continually earn this award by persistently supporting efforts to eradicate HIV/AIDS and advocating for minorities in Houston, the United States, and across the globe.

May we all "never, ever be afraid to make some noise and get in good trouble, necessary trouble".

**HONORING ART HAINS, THE VOICE
OF THE MISSOURI STATE BEARS
FOOTBALL TEAM**

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 1, 2022

Mr. LONG. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the long-time voice of the Missouri State Bears, Art Hains.

Art grew up in Marshall, MO, working at the local radio station KMMO while still in high school. He went on to graduate from Southern Methodist University in Dallas, TX, studying broadcast journalism and working in the SMU sports information office from 1973 to 1976. After graduation he moved to Springfield, MO, working as the sports director and serving as the voice of the Southwest Missouri State Bears football and basketball teams for KGBX until 1981. He moved back to Dallas working for KRLD and hosting a daily sports show while also providing pre- and post-game coverage of the Dallas Cowboys. He also called SMU basketball games and was a studio host for the Southwest Conference Football Radio Network from 1982 to 1984.

He returned to Springfield in 1985 and was again the voice of the Southwest Missouri State Bears football, basketball, and baseball teams as well as the coordinator of athletic promotions at Southwest Missouri State University. He has continued to be the voice of the Bears ever since, even after the university changed its name to Missouri State University in 2005. He has hosted Sports Talk since 1995, originally on KWTO in Springfield before he switched to KBFL in 2020. In 2008, he started as the studio host for the Kansas City Chiefs and was a part of their 2020 Super Bowl win. He was inducted into the Springfield Area Sports Hall of Fame in 2003, and the Missouri Sports Hall of Fame in 2017.

Apart from his on-air work, Art has been active in the Springfield community. He is an ordained elder at First and Calvary Presbyterian Church in Springfield, serves on the boards for Springfield Little Theater and the Springfield Area Sports Hall of Fame. He is also an active member of the Southeast Rotary Club and is a Paul Harris Fellow, the Free Masons and Shriners. He previously served on the board of the Dickerson Park Zoo in Springfield and still volunteers his time at Care Animal Shelter.

Madam Speaker, since moving to Springfield Art Hains has been actively involved in the local community and has been known for nearly four decades as the voice of the Missouri State Bears. His lifetime of work and service to the community is commendable.

IN MEMORY OF LUCIUS
HOLLOWAY, SR.

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 1, 2022

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Madam Speaker, it is with a heavy heart and solemn remembrance that I rise today to honor the life and legacy of a loving husband, dedicated father, distinguished Army Veteran, determined Civil Rights Advocate, faithful public servant, a benevolent man of God and my friend of longstanding, Deacon Lucius Holloway, Sr. Sadly, Deacon Holloway transitioned from labor to reward on Thursday, November 24, 2022. His life will be celebrated on Saturday, December 3, 2022, at Cooper Carver Elementary School in Dawson, Georgia.

The remarkable journey of Deacon Lucius Holloway, Sr. began on April 1, 1932, as he was born to the union of Mr. Bobby Holloway, Sr. and Mrs. Mary Louise Thornton Holloway in Dawson, Georgia.

Deacon Holloway was educated in the Terrell County School System. He received his Auto Body and Frame Construction certification from the Albany Vocational Technical College in Albany, Georgia.

He was married to his beloved wife and life partner, the late Emma Kate Holloway, for 60 years and they built a life of service and advocacy for humankind.

Armed with a servant's heart, Deacon Holloway gave of himself to serve our country for three years of active duty in the United States Army during the Korean War. He retired as a Staff Sergeant after serving 22 years in the Army National Guard. His professional journey also took him to Delco Remy and Delphi, where he retired after 18 years of service.

Deacon Holloway was a committed freedom fighter for the cause of justice and equality. He truly believed in the words that Dr. King penned from the Birmingham Jail: "Injustice anywhere is threat to justice everywhere." Deacon Holloway was one of Terrell County's most influential Civil Rights activists, always speaking up for the voiceless and the hopeless. He was always concerned about African Americans exercising their rights as American citizens through the ballot box. Deacon Holloway engaged in many voter registration drives and mass meetings during his lifetime.

His advocacy did not come without great cost to him and his family. Deacon Holloway had to endure many challenges during his Civil Rights advocacy, including having the gas line at his house cut during a cold day in the 1960s because he housed Freedom Riders and members of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee at his home. He was also arrested; he and his family were threatened, and a cross was burned in his front yard. But through all these indignities, he never wavered in his support for the cause of Civil and Human Rights.

His relationship with the NAACP is long and storied. Deacon Holloway became the first Vice President of the Terrell County Branch in 1955. He served as Vice President for 65 years and President for one year. Deacon Holloway cemented his commitment by becoming a lifetime member of the organization that he had given so much to for so long.

Deacon Holloway was also a committed public servant. He served on the Terrell County Board of Commissioners for 27 years, retiring in January of this year. Deacon Holloway was a tireless advocate for his constituents, constantly pushing to do the right thing for those that he represented.

Most importantly, Deacon Holloway was a man of God who allowed Him to order his steps. He began his walk with Christ at an early age, first fellowshiping with the saints at County Line Missionary Baptist Church in Sasser, Georgia. In 1956, his Christian journey continued when he became a member of Sardis Missionary Baptist Church in Dawson, Georgia where he served faithfully in many capacities, including as Ordained Deacon, Chairman of the Deacon Board, Sunday School Superintendent, Youth Sunday School Teacher, Adult Sunday School Teacher and Vice Treasurer of Finance.

Anne Morrow Lindbergh once said that "Only when a tree has fallen can you take the measure of it. It is the same with a man." A great tree has fallen, and we can all agree that we can take the measure of this great man for the great things he has done to uplift humanity.

Deacon Lucius Holloway, Sr. achieved countless successes in his life. But none would have been possible with the grace of God and love and support of his dearly departed wife of 60 years, Emma Kate Holloway, his five children, one of whom preceded him in death, and his eleven grandchildren.

On a personal note, Deacon Holloway was my friend. He always supported and encouraged me with his wise counsel and sage advice. He will be sorely missed, but the world is better because of him.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues in the House of Representatives join my wife, Vivian, and me, along with the more than 730,000 people of the 2nd District in honoring and celebrating the life and legacy of Deacon Lucius Holloway, Sr. for his service to God, his country and humanity and in extending our deepest condolences to his family, friends and all who mourn his loss. May they be consoled and comforted by their faith and the Holy Spirit in the days, weeks and months ahead.

HONORING MR. GEORGE HOLLAND, SR.

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 1, 2022

Ms. LEE of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary work of George Holland, Sr., and his indispensable contributions as an advocate in the fight for equal rights and racial justice, as the President of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People in Oakland.

Mr. Holland was born in Shreveport, Louisiana and raised in California, where he resided in segregated housing projects until his early adulthood, experiencing the impacts of institutional racism firsthand. In South San Francisco, Mr. Holland's family resided in the Lindenville Housing Project. The Lindenville Housing Project had a "Colored Section," where he, his family, and 71 other Black families lived. Mr. Holland's experience living in segregated housing continued in 1955, when his family relocated to the Sunnydale Housing Project, which had only desegregated earlier that year.

Mr. Holland was a trailblazer from a young age, he was the first member of his family to attend college, earning his Bachelor of Arts from San Francisco State College. He then earned his Juris Doctorate from the Golden Gate University School of Law. Mr. Holland went on to serve as a board member for several legal associations, including the Bar Association of San Francisco and the Bar Association of Alameda County.

Mr. Holland's legacy lies in his championship of civil rights throughout his academic and professional career. As a young community activist, Mr. Holland participated in civil rights demonstrations in the 1960s throughout San Francisco, Oakland, and the greater Bay Area to advocate for racial equity. As an attorney, he contributed to the founding of the California Association of Black Lawyers, California's first legal association dedicated to addressing the needs and struggles of Black lawyers and to eradicating racism imbedded in our legal system. Since 2005, Mr. Holland has continued his service to our community as the President of the NAACP chapter in Oakland.

Throughout his exemplary tenure as President, Mr. Holland's efforts have distinguished the Oakland NAACP chapter for its engagement with the local community and for its leadership on national issues. Under his guidance, the organization collaborated with the Oakland Mayor and School Superintendent's "Oakland Promise" program, a community-based nonprofit that aims to triple the number of college graduates from Oakland within the next decade. Further, under Mr. Holland's leadership, the Oakland NAACP chapter partnered with the Chapel of Chimes to construct the Nelson Mandela Human Rights Memorial at Skylawn Memorial Park. Mr. Holland also oversaw the creation of a police commission in Oakland to improve police accountability and community trust in law enforcement.

George has been a dear friend and loyal supporter. Whenever I needed help, he was there for me and our community. If ever, I needed anyone to watch my back—there he was, generous and steady as always. For this, I am deeply grateful.

On behalf of the 13th Congressional district, I would like to congratulate Mr. Holland on his incredible achievements throughout his career. He has been a wonderful activist, attorney, and a fierce advocate for racial justice and equity for all people. I thank him for all his hard work, and congratulations again. I wish him the very best in his journey ahead.

RECOGNIZING THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF LILLIAN C. OVERTON

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 1, 2022

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 100th birthday of Lillian C. Overton.

Lillian was born October 29, 1922, to James Edwin and Esther Darnell Cooper in Franklin, Alabama. She was one of six children.

On January 29, 1944, she was married to Herman A. Overton in Tuskegee, Alabama, and remained married until his death on April 9, 1996. They were blessed with one daughter, Kathy O. Hadaway.

Mrs. Overton was part owner and operator of M & L Jewelers in Tuskegee in the 1950s and early 1960s.

After selling the jewelry store, she became account manager for Skinner's Furniture Store in Tuskegee until her retirement.

She was a member of Tuskegee First Baptist Church for over 50 years. As an active member, she taught Sunday School, Training Union, Bible Drill and was active in the Women's Missionary Union (WMU).

After her husband's death, Mrs. Overton moved to Opelika, Alabama, and became an active member at First Baptist Church of Opelika (in Sunday School, WMU, and in the Nursery Department). Due to a brief illness in early 2022, she had to relinquish her duties at church.

Prior to COVID, Mrs. Overton volunteered for 38 years at East Alabama Medical Center as a "Pink Lady" in Escort Services. This allowed her to meet numerous wonderful people and help others.

She fulfills her most important job by telling others about Jesus, inviting them to church

and talking about her faith and the importance of knowing Jesus Christ.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing Lillian and wishing her a very happy 100th birthday.

REMEMBERING MR. JOHNNY
SIMMONS

HON. HALEY M. STEVENS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 1, 2022

Ms. STEVENS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in memory of Mr. Johnny Simmons, a lifelong servant to others and longtime resident of Oakland County, who passed away on August 29, 2022. As Mr. Simmons's family reflected upon their loved one's life, they affectionately recall him as a faithful, loving, and kind person to all. While Mr. Simmons will be missed by the many who had the honor of knowing him, there is no doubt that these qualities have been impressed upon those around him and continue to positively influence the community.

On September 4, 1936, Mr. Johnny B. Simmons was born in Highland, Mississippi, to Albert Simmons and Annie Bell Dantzler and was raised by a "village" of Simmons that cared for him as he grew. Early in his life, Mr. Simmons moved from his small community of "Sun-Side" in Mississippi to the South Side of Chicago, Illinois. As Mr. Simmons was earning his high school education, racial discrimination plagued the City of Chicago. He attended an integrated grammar school before then attending and graduating from the racially segregated DuSable High School.

Following completion of his studies, Mr. Simmons served his country for four years with the United States Marine Corp and was honorably discharged in 1961. Shortly after his return to civilian life, Mr. Simmons married the love of his life, Charlene "Chuck" Simmons. Years later, he was quoted saying, "My memory of love will be of Chuck Simmons. I thank God for the many outstanding years we shared." Their commitment was lifelong, enjoying 61 years of marriage together. At the age of 26, Mr. Simmons was also united with his father in what was described as "love at first sight," rounding out his young family.

While in Illinois, Mr. Simmons, was inducted into the Chicago police force. 1968 was a time of significant social change as black Americans continued to experience devastating racial discrimination throughout the country. Mr. Simmons witnessed the effects of this injustice as he performed his duties and was present for the unrest that resulted from the assassina-

tion of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in 1968. After his time as an officer in Chicago, the family relocated to make Michigan their new home.

Mr. Simmons became active in his new community, joining the Southside Seventh-day Adventist Church and maintained his service to the church for the remainder of his life. He proudly served as the patriarch of his beloved family in Pontiac, Michigan. Helping others and contributing to his community was a way of life for him, and many were fortunate to benefit from his selfless acts.

Many are fortunate to carry on Mr. Simmons' wisdom, including his children, grandchildren, and the many who respect Mr. Simmons' life serving others. Continuing this legacy are three outstanding children—Jackie, Jon Eric, and Kelli Lyn. He also earned two "bonus daughters" with Jon Eric's marriage to his wife Michelle, welcoming her sisters, Paula and Candace, to the family and then gained an additional son with Kelli's marriage to Ladon. He will be truly missed by all.

Mr. Simmons' friends and family bid him farewell at his funeral on Friday, September 9th, at the Troy Seventh-day Adventist Church, following visitation services on September 8th. Mr. Simmons was given the great honor of receiving a military burial at the Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly, Michigan, on September 12th, a fitting recognition to his years with the Marine Corps.

Madam Speaker, it is a great honor to recognize the life of Mr. Johnny Simmons today, and I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating his numerous contributions to our Nation. Mr. Simmons truly has lived a life worth celebrating and is owed a thanks for his life of service.

HONORING RICK ZIEGENFUSS,
CITY ADMINISTRATOR OF HOLLISTER, MO

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 1, 2022

Mr. LONG. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Rick Ziegenfuss, the City Administrator of Hollister, MO.

Born and raised in Iowa, Rick enlisted in the U.S. Army at the age of 20 in 1970. He underwent basic training at Ft. Leonard Wood in Missouri, before moving on to advanced individual training with the 11th Infantry, 4th Infantry Division at Ft. Carson Colorado, he was then assigned to the 1st Battalion 133rd Infantry in unit supply. In 1974 he graduated with honor from Infantry Officer Candidate School

at Ft. Benning, Georgia. He served as an anti-armor platoon leader and a rifle platoon leader with Company C, 1 Battalion 133d Infantry. He then was assigned as the Battalion Personnel Officer. He went on to command Company C 1st Battalion 133rd Infantry and later served as the S3 Operations Officer for the 2nd Brigade, 34th Infantry Division. He then attended the Army's Command and General Staff College at Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas where he graduated with honors. He commanded the 2nd Battalion (Mechanized) 133rd Infantry, he also completed his BA Degree in Personnel Management from Mary Crest College. From there he became the State Operations and Training Officer for the State Area Command for Iowa. He was discharged from the military in 1992 after 22 years of service, retiring at the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. After the military, he started his own environmental company which he later sold to his partner. He then moved from Des Moines, Iowa to the Ozarks and began a career as a commercial printer. He did that for 10 years and was the Vice President of Operations for the Bech-LaRue Corporation. In 2002 he went to work for the City of Hollister as City Administrator, a position he remains in to this day.

Rick has been actively involved in the local community since moving to the Ozarks. He has served on many boards including Branson Veterans Task Force from 1995 to 2001, Downtown Branson Main Street Association from 2001 to 2002, Freedom Quest Corp from 1999 to 2001, Hollister Area Chamber of Commerce from 1999 to 2003, Campaign Committee Tri-Lakes United Way since 2011, Taney County Transportation Advisory Board since 2011, Public Sector co-chair Ozarks Regional Economic Partnership in 2007, Chairman of Tri-Lakes United Way Campaign in 2012, Chairman of the Board for the Taney County Partnership from 2012 to 2013, Chairman of the Tri-Lakes Bio Solids Partnership from 2010 to 2014 and Chairman of the Air Service Development Committee—Branson Regional Airport since 2014.

For his countless efforts, he has been recognized by the Branson Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce, the Ozark Mountain Family YMCA, the Branson Veterans Taskforce and the Citizens of Hollister, MO, to name a few.

Madam Speaker, after nobly serving his country in the military, Rick Ziegenfuss moved to the Missouri Ozarks and has made this his home. Since coming here, he has become actively involved in a vast number of charities and local organizations and has served his local community as City Administrator for 20 years. His work is laudable, and I am honored to recognize his continued service to the local community today.